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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING AND OVERNIGHT DELIVERY

Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary  
Department of Telecommunications and Energy  
One South Station  
Boston, MA 02110

Re: Bay State Gas Company, D.T.E. 06-36

Dear Ms. Cottrell:

Enclosed for filing, on behalf of Bay State Gas Company ("Bay State"), are Bay State's responses to the following Information Requests:

HESS 1-4      HESS 1-5

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

Patricia M. French

cc: Julie Howley Westwater, Esq., Hearing Officer  
Jamie M. Tosches, Esq., Office of the Attorney General  
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY

RESPONSE OF BAY STATE GAS COMPANY TO THE  
FIRST SET OF INFORMATION REQUESTS FROM HESS CORPORATION  
D.T.E. 06-36

Date: July 26, 2006

Responsible: Joseph A. Ferro, Manager Regulatory Policy

Hess 1-4: In what year would Bay State need to acquire capacity for its growth needs absent the 30 percent proposal?

RESPONSE: As shown in Attachment Hess 1-2, Bay State requires additional capacity in its Brockton division beginning in the 2006-2007 winter season.

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Hess 1-5: In what year would Northern Utilities need to acquire capacity for its growth needs absent the 30 percent proposal?

RESPONSE: Northern Utilities' portfolio decisions have no bearing on the issues in D.T.E. 06-36, as Bay State's resources and requirements are independent of Northern Utilities' resources and requirements.